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**Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens**

**Thursday, March 21st
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

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Martinez/Funk Pond, Golden, CO, (photo courtesy of Dorothy Martinez)

Gearing Up for Spring

by Michael Weber & Dorothy Martinez

Wow, for the first time in years we are finally experiencing a more “normal” winter - that is regular cold and snow. For now, it appears Winter holds its icy grip on things, but soon we will be experiencing more Spring-like weather. With that, our thoughts turn to warmer weather and the upcoming growing season.

Please join us for our first meeting of the year on Thursday, March 21st with a potluck starting at 6:00 pm and our presentation starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Plant Society Building located within Denver Botanic Gardens.

To access the Plant Society Building, please park in the Denver Botanic Gardens' parking garage and enter via the Pinon Gate located just North of the Visitor Center entrance. Walk west past the Greenhouses/Orangery and the West Terrace. After going down the stairs or ramp, turn right. The Japanese Bonsai Garden and Pavilion will be on your left. Keep walking until you see the small Plant Society Building on your left.

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dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org.

Gearing Up for Spring

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We have invited Tim Boettcher from True Pump & Equipment to speak about what is new in pond equipment and maintenance. True Pump & Equipment is located at 1429 S. Broadway in Denver.

All of their sales staff are pond owners and share your passion for water gardening! True Pump has an extensive knowledge of ponds, water features, aquatic plants, and fish. They are dedicated to help you complete any pond project right.

This meeting gives us a chance to learn what is new and available to help pond owners keep their ponds in tip-top shape in the upcoming season. Tim teaches various classes given at True Pump and will be happy to answer your questions as well as give insight to making your pond management easier.

True Pump is committed to being an educational leader in the Pond Industry. You can learn more about the wonderful world of water gardening at their website: <http://www.truepump.com/>.

They teach classes about the latest and greatest information about ponds and water features. Classes offer a variety of free courses to help everyone from hobbyists to seasoned water feature professionals succeed and prosper with water features. Course segments continuously evolve for varying degrees of experience and knowledge. Courses also include video sessions, tutorials, a variety of digital resources, PowerPoint presentations, and quizzes to test knowledge gained throughout the coursework. True Pump is embracing the digital frontier and provides you with more content and training available on-demand, 24 hours a day, right at your fingertips.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brenda Parsons-Hier at 303-278-2106 or moose.4bph@q.com.

Save the Date – Thursday, April 18th for Get Wet 2019!

by Jim Arneill

Mark your calendar for our annual water gardening kick-off event - Get Wet 2019! This year's program, co-sponsored by Colorado Water Garden Society and Denver Botanic Gardens, will feature one of the most colorful flowering marginals - the Canna Lily.

Although a plant of the tropics, most cultivars have been developed in temperate climates and are easy to grow in most countries of the world.

Tips on the planting, care, and over wintering of these tropical beauties will be shared as well as an overview of upcoming events.

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Longwood Canna Lily 'Erebus', (photo courtesy of Oregon Aquatic Nurseries)



A large grouping of Longwood Canna Lilies 'Ra' along with water lilies and taros, make a stunning arrangement at Denver Botanic Gardens, (photo courtesy of Tamara Kilbane)



Canna Lily 'Chiquita Punch', (photo courtesy of Oregon Aquatic Nurseries)

Save the Date – Thursday, April 18th for Get Wet 2019!

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The event, which will be held in Mitchell Hall at Denver Botanic Gardens, is free to attend. From 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, a limited number of bare-root cannas will be available for sale and the program about cannas and upcoming events will begin at 6:30 pm. Another opportunity to purchase Cannas and Plantabbs fertilizer will be available following the program from about 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm.

We hope you can make it to our first special program of 2019!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Arneill at 303-843-9619 or arneill4@comcast.net.

Save the Dates – 2019 IWGS Symposium

by Vicki Aber

Want a fantastic getaway with like-minded individuals? The International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society (IWGS) is having their annual Symposium in France this year. Final details and pricing are emerging and here is what we know.

There will be 3 parts, so people can pick and choose how much they want to do. The pre-Symposium will be August 21st and 22nd. This first portion will be in Paris including Monet's water lily paintings at Musee de l'Orangerie and a visit to Monet's garden at Giverny. Hopefully, there will be some behind the scenes tours at Giverny.

This portion of the Symposium will cost \$550 per person based on double/twin room occupancy. This includes hotel, all meals, transfers, fees for all site visits, and high-speed train transfer to Le Temple Sur Lot.

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The main Symposium will be August 23rd to 27th. It will start at Le Temple Sur Lot where there will be educational lectures and opportunities with international experts in their field. Next, on to Bordeaux for the final day of the main Symposium. This portion of the Symposium will cost \$865 per person based on double/twin room occupancy. This includes hotel, all meals, transfers, fees for all site visits, and transportation to Bordeaux. Transportation from Bordeaux to final destination (i.e. airport) is not included.

The Post Symposium will be August 27th to 29th and will visit the south of France. Post Symposia have typically been a little looser with the participants helping to plan what to do.

Symposia are a great way to visit places you otherwise would probably never see. The water garden people are all so friendly and welcoming. Sometimes the best ideas you get are from just talking with the other participants.

More details on the Symposium are on the IWGS website at:

<https://iwgs.org/2019-france-symposium/>.

To access the main website, you have to be a member. For an individual membership, it only costs \$25 and there is a wealth of information on the new and updated website including Journals back to the beginning of the organization.

For more information or if you have any questions, please go to:

<https://iwgs.org/contact-us/>



Looking for Help with CWGS Newsletter Production

by Dorothy Martinez

After the two CWGS Board meetings in January and February, the Board has decided to split up duties in the production of the Newsletter to make it less cumbersome to publish.

Currently, one person is responsible for all duties including: soliciting articles, writing articles, editing said articles, formatting the content into the current Newsletter template, printing the Newsletter, creating & printing labels, mailing the Newsletter, and soliciting advertising.

We tried to break out duties as to similar responsibilities. We would like to form a Newsletter Committee that would include the following positions: Content Editor, Formatting Editor, Printer/Mailer, & Advertising.

Our previous Editor, Bill Powell has graciously agreed to take on the Content Editor position and I am willing to be the Formatting Editor.

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Looking for Help with CWGS Newsletter Production

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We are looking for 2 people who would be willing to take on the roles of Printer/Mailer & Advertising.

The Printer/Mailer position entails printing the Newsletter and the mailing labels, then preparing the Newsletter for mailing, and mailing the Newsletter. This position would also be responsible for the printing of all other material the Club uses (Educational Brochures, Yearly Event Calendar, etc.). The Club owns an HP Officejet Pro 8600 Premium 4 color printer. The printer would reside with whomever accepts this position. This position would also be responsible for purchasing the paper, ink, and postage. All expenses are reimbursable from the Club Treasurer.

The Advertising position would be responsible for contacting current advertisers yearly about continuing to advertise in the Newsletter and on our website. This position would also be responsible for soliciting new advertisers. Advertising deadlines, sizes, and rates are all included in our standard 1-page Advertising contract.

If you would like to help out, have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.

Are You Receiving Club Newsletters & Blast E-Mails?

by Dorothy Martinez

It has recently come to my attention that some of you are not receiving the electronic Newsletter or blast e-mails from the Colorado Water Garden Society regarding upcoming meetings and events. Please note the Newsletter is published 8 times per year. Once every month from March – August, then a Fall Newsletter for September/October, and finally a Winter Newsletter for November/December. There is no Newsletter published in January or February.

To ensure you receive all electronic Newsletters and future blast e-mails, please be sure to add the following e-mail address to your contacts list:
dorothy.martinez@colowatergardensociety.org.

If this problem persists, we may have to move to an e-mail service such as Mailchimp to ensure all members continue receiving Club related news.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dorothy Martinez at (303) 279-3137 or dam@johnfunk.com.



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- Water Plants booth, DBG May Sale ___
- Hudson Gardens ___
- CWGS Plant Sale (June) ___
- Pond Tour (July) ___
- Water Blossom Festival (August) ___

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THIS YEAR

A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:

March 21: Potluck & Presentation by Tim Boettcher from True Pump & Equipment
Plant Society Building
Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG)

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Presentation “What is New in Pond Equipment & Maintenance”

April 18: Get Wet Presentation “How to Grow, Care for, & Over Winter Canna Lilies” & Canna Lily and Plantabbs Fertilizer Sale – Mitchell Hall, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

May 10 & May 11: DBG Annual Plant Sale – Area near Monet’s Pond, DBG, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Fri. and 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Sat.

May 16: Potluck & Annual Plant Swap – Plant Society Bldg., DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

June 2: CWGS Annual Plant Sale – Business Office/Residence, The Hudson Gardens & Event Center, Littleton, CO, Members only 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, General Public, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June 15: Pond Side Program – Alpine Koi & Reef, Tour and Picnic Potluck, Fort Collins, CO, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

July 20: CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic – Centennial & SE Englewood Area, Pond Tour 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Picnic 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 3: Water Blossom Festival – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens, Demonstrations, Information, & Free Carnivorous Pitcher Plants, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

August 24: Pond Side Program – Leinster Residence, Picnic Potluck, Westminster, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 19: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation on the Cairns Botanic Gardens in Australia – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Oct. 17: Potluck, Program with Slideshow “2019 Season Wrap-up – What Plants Did Well or Didn’t Do Well” & 2020 Planning Meeting – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Dec. 12: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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